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FOR METHOD FOR SCREENING BIOMOLECULE ACTIVITY REGULATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 3-13, as follows:

When a phage random peptide library is prepared, it is preferred that the peptide presented by phage has a length of 3 to 15 residues. The peptide presented by phage may be directly presented by a surface layer protein of a phage particle or may be presented via a spacer having an appropriate length. Examples of the sequence of the spacer include an amino acid sequence known to successfully present a protein, such as GGGS (SEQ ID NO:32), or a peptide sequence having functions as both of an epitope and a spacer, such as an antibody epitope sequence.

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